

City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation
Keep San Marcos Beautiful
Adopt-a-Spot



You can be personally involved in the preservation of a precious San Marcos resource by adopting a spot, park or a section of the river. The adoption process involves cleaning your spot at least **four** times a year. Each participant in the group will be recognized for their efforts. The program strives to raise public awareness; educate citizens about the source of debris; and generate public support for community involvement to Keep San Marcos San Marvelous.

Why adopt?

- It's a free, easy way for groups to help San Marcos, make a visible impact and earn some well-deserved Texas Pride.
- San Marcos is growing by leaps and bounds, and surging population means more people in our parks and rivers and unfortunately, more trash.
- Although nearly 90 percent of litter in San Marcos is removed by paid employees and contractors— not by convicts as many folks assume — volunteer efforts reduce litter cleanup costs and save taxpayers' money.
- Beauty is the reward. Your ounce of prevention enables the city to use more tax dollars on city beautification rather than trash pickup.
- People respond. Seeing volunteers at work resonates with would-be offenders. research has shown that Adopt-a-Spot areas are generally less littered.

Thanks to the following volunteers helping keep our City clean:

- Noon Lion's Club – City Park
- Central Texas Flyfishers Club – Stokes Park
- Chi Beta Delta—Children's Park
- Gamma Theta Upsilon—Plaza Park

Please remember:

- Your group must adopt a spot that is within the city limits for at least one year.
- Your group must agree to clean your adopted spot at least four times each year or more.
- Your group must schedule a cleanup with the KSMB Coordinator at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Not all locations are available, but KSMB will try to accommodate your requests.

As an Adopt-a-Spot partner you will receive:

- A certificate recognizing your group's spot
- Each of your members will be recognized for their service
- Guidance with the planning of your cleanup
- A cleanup kit that includes: trashbags, gloves, pickup tools, and a first aid kit
- Trash collection arranged by KSMB
- Fun giveaways to thank volunteers for their participation
- Tools and technical assistance for restoration projects
- Educational presentations and activities
- Recognition of your groups commitment on the KSMB website

For more information or to adopt a spot, please contact Heather Powdrill at the Parks and Recreation Main Office at 512.393.8420 or by email at hpowdrill@sanmarcostx.gov.